

APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 12 asked by Vilwin F. Mithukannappan at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 9th February 1959, page 107 supra.]

ANNEXURE I.

Particulars showing the number of fire accidents which occurred during the year 1957 and for the period from January to June 1958 in each district.

District.				A (1957.)											
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)		
January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.			
1 Madras City	18	27	41	25	17	36	24	17	21	14	17	24	281		
2 Madurai North	13	11	26	20	10	9	12	25	11	4	10	8	159		
3 Madurai Urban	5	19	44	40	20	30	25	14	14	5	4	6	226		
4 Ramanathapuram	3	1	5	6	4	4	..	3	3	2	1	2	34		
5 Tirunelveli	2	..	4	8	10	17	11	3	11	5	1	1	78		
6 Kanyakumari	2	6	8	2	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	3	27		
7 Coimbatore	34	35	16	31	24	9	11	14	25	8	4	16	227		
8 North Arcot	23	21	41	34	37	10	20	23	24	14	8	20	275		
9 Salem	7	6	13	10	9	7	2	5	7	3	4	4	77		
10 Nilgiris	2	1	2	5	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	17		
11 Chingleput	2	6	4	9	10	8	7	2	8	1	1	6	64		
12 South Arcot	12	29	41	37	31	22	38	28	15	19	9	12	293		
13 Tanjore	16	36	45	54	55	44	23	22	12	14	10	8	239		
14 Tiruchirappalli	12	17	34	34	21	22	22	18	26	4	1	6	217		
Total ..	151	215	324	315	251	219	196	181	179	93	70	120	2,314		

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Particulars showing the number of fire accidents which occurred during the year 1957 and for the period from January to June 1958 in each district.

B

(1958 January to June.)

District.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Total.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1 Madras City	17	22	18	17	21	39	134
2 Madurai North	9	12	19	13	8	15	76
3 Madurai Urban	7	9	15	15	4	24	74
4 Ramanathapuram	2	3	3	2	1	..	11
5 Tirunelveli	2	4	5	4	11	13	39
6 Kanyakumari	3	1	6	3	2	..	15
7 Coimbatore	19	29	33	27	8	11	127
8 North Arcot	19	41	45	31	17	41	194
9 Salem	7	7	12	8	..	11	45
10 Nilgiris	1	3	2	2	..	3	11
11 Chingleput	3	9	11	6	3	15	47
12 South Arcot	21	23	36	28	21	37	169
13 Tanjore	11	24	25	19	21	33	133
14 Tiruchirappalli	13	24	24	34	12	36	143
Total	134	214	254	209	129	281	1,221

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ANNEXURE II.

Particulars showing the causes for the fire accidents referred to in Annexure I.

A
(1957.)

Name of district.	Burning of waste or grass lands.	Dust explosions.	Radiation.	Hot ashes.	Naked light.	Chimney.	Electrical origin.	Fire. Explosives works.	Gas, coal furnace.	Incendiarism.	Sparks from loco- motives.	Mechanical heat or spark.	Ovens, stoves or open fires.	Careless smoking.	Spontaneous com- bustion.	Chemical reaction.	Miscellaneous.	Unknown.	Total.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)
1 Madras City ..	6	..	1	6	28	3	43	4	1	..	1	16	72	51	9	..	14	26	281
2 Madurai North ..	..	..	..	22	14	2	3	1	..	4	1	1	52	27	1	..	10	21	159
3 Madurai Urban ..	1	..	..	1	10	4	9	2	1	8	..	5	34	57	5	1	42	46	226
4 Ramanathapuram ..	..	..	..	2	3	2	3	..	..	1	..	..	9	7	..	..	..	7	34
5 Tirunelveli ..	..	..	..	8	13	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	24	13	3	..	2	11	78
6 Kanyakumari ..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	1	..	..	4	11	27
7 Coimbatore ..	..	4	..	13	9	7	9	1	..	1	1	9	66	60	4	..	9	34	227
8 North Arcot ..	6	..	..	18	38	9	9	9	1	6	5	1	90	56	5	1	11	10	275
9 Salem ..	..	..	..	1	16	3	5	1	3	4	1	..	16	22	..	..	4	1	77
10 Nilgiris ..	1	..	..	1	..	4	3	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	1	17
11 Chingleput ..	..	..	1	3	8	3	3	2	..	..	..	1	19	14	..	..	6	4	64
12 South Arcot ..	..	..	3	3	40	1	6	1	..	..	1	4	99	19	..	..	9	107	293
13 Tanjore ..	1	..	..	19	39	2	10	11	..	4	..	1	86	72	1	..	43	50	339
14 Tiruchirappalli ..	3	..	..	9	24	6	2	10	..	3	..	2	64	43	1	..	14	36	217
Total ..	18	4	6	106	245	47	106	44	7	31	16	41	637	412	29	2	168	365	2,314

Particulars showing the causes for the fire accidents referred to in Annexure I—cont.

B

(1958 January to June.)

Name of district.	Burning of waste or grass lands.	Dust explosions.	Radiation.	Hot ashes.	Naked light.	Chimney.	Electrical origin.	Fire- Explosives works.	Gas, coal furnace.	Incendiarism.	Sparks from loco- motives.	Mechanical heat or spark.	Ovens, stoves or open fires.	Careless smoking.	Spontaneous com- bustion.	Chemical reaction.	Miscellaneous.	Unknown.	Total.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)
1 Madras City ..	3	..	..	3	16	3	15	..	..	..	..	5	33	25	..	2	5	24	134
2 Madurai, North ..	1	..	..	1	6	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	29	12	3	..	10	7	76
3 Madurai Urban ..	..	..	..	1	6	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	12	25	2	..	5	16	74
4 Ramanathapuram ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	..	..	..	1	11
5 Tiruvelveli ..	3	..	..	5	1	1	..	1	..	5	..	..	10	7	1	..	..	5	39
6 Kanyakumari ..	..	..	..	2	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	2	15
7 Coimbatore ..	..	..	..	6	14	..	10	..	..	..	..	7	32	31	3	..	7	17	127
8 North Arcot ..	1	2	..	4	16	6	3	5	1	6	2	1	54	28	8	..	19	38	194
9 Salem ..	..	..	..	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	16	..	..	5	2	45
10 The Nilgiris ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	4	..	..	2	..	11
11 Chingleput ..	1	..	..	2	4	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	14	6	1	..	1	12	47
12 South Arcot ..	1	..	..	7	17	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	70	15	..	..	5	49	169
13 Tanjore ..	1	1	..	3	16	2	6	8	1	..	..	..	37	25	..	..	8	28	136
14 Tiruchirappalli ..	1	..	..	2	24	1	..	9	..	2	..	3	30	39	..	..	2	30	143
Total ..	12	3	..	36	130	24	47	25	4	13	3	18	352	234	18	2	69	231	1,221

ANNEXURE III.

Particulars showing the number of houses damaged, the number of persons died or injured and the value of property lost in the fire accidents referred to in Annexure I.

Serial number and name of district.	1957.				1958 (January to June 1958).			
	Number of houses damaged.	Number of persons died.	Number of persons injured.	Value of property lost.	Number of houses damaged.	Number of persons died.	Number of persons injured.	Value of property lost.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
				RS.				RS.
1 Madras City	60	2	14	1,14,219	32	6	13	1,24,272
2 Madurai North	363	1	1	1,05,215	91	6	5	24,865
3 Madurai Urban	501	5	13	2,19,334	63	2	..	21,998
4 Ramanathapuram	35	..	9	43,739	88	1	..	48,320
5 Tirunelveli	420	4	3	1,29,510	87	3	..	27,525
6 Kanyakumari	26	..	..	17,835	31	..	..	6,860
7 Coimbatore	263	2	5	1,54,705	128	6	2	67,912
8 North Arcot	423	9	17	2,64,362	471	2	7	1,43,925
9 Salem	233	..	4	54,343	176	1	2	54,930
10 The Nilgiris	..	..	..	8,481	..	5	..	506
11 Chingleput	36	1	1	25,938	37	1	1	19,884
12 South Arcot	1,321	3	14	2,60,984	677	..	5	1,71,566
13 Tanjore	348	1	10	2,38,589	97	2	..	72,947
14 Tiruchirappalli	1,252	3	25	3,75,963	1,174	5	5	4,25,001
Total ..	5,691	31	114	20,13,217	3,152	40	40	12,10,511

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APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to starred question No 14 asked by Sri M. Ethirajalu at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 9th February 1959, page 110 supra.]

Statement showing the names of villages where wells were sunk in the South Arcot district for the benefit of Harijans during 1956-57 and 1957-58.

(a) Wells sunk during 1956-57—

1 Yal.	49 Thillainayagapuram.
2 Pavandur.	50 Muttam.
3 Pasar.	51 Melpuliyangudi.
4 Melapalangur.	52 Karunakaranallur.
5 Peelamedu.	53 Keelamankudi.
6 Koonadalur.	54 Villiyanallur.
7 Sathanur.	55 Kunveli chavadi.
8 Peruvangur.	56 Sendrakillai.
9 Puthirampattu.	57 Odayarkudi.
10 Paramanatham.	58 Radhavilagam.
11 Thorapady.	59 Paravatur.
12 Annamangalam.	60 Kachiperumanatham.
13 Kurinjipadi.	61 Keelapalayore.
14 Keelasevalambadi.	62 Sitherikuppam.
15 Thayanur.	63 Tholur.
16 Irumbuli.	64 Maravalanallore.
17 Inam Meenamur.	65 Sembalakurichi.
18 Otteri.	66 Periyavadavadi.
19 Naduveerapattu.	67 Rajapalayam.
20 Ulundurpet.	68 Sittavanam.
21 Melkavarapattu.	69 Keerambur.
22 Kandamanadi.	70 Chinnaseplanatham.
23 Enthayiram.	71 Guddalore.
24 Narasinganoor.	72 Kenganur.
25 Keeramoor.	73 Lakkur.
26 Ariyalurthirukkai.	74 Kumaramangalam.
27 Perungalampoondy.	75 V. Agaram.
28 Kasba Karanai.	76 Pa. Kothanur.
29 Aliyoor.	77 Katchimyllore.
30 Panchmadevi.	78 Kilorathur.
31 Periyabalusamudram.	79 Ma. Pudur.
32 Melkaranai.	80 Palayam.
33 Kundalapuliyoor.	81 Kolavoi.
34 Sangeethamangalam	82 Melakalpoondi.
35 Adanoor.	83 Valasai.
36 Vadugankuppam.	84 Thalanallur.
37 T. Edaiyar.	85 Erappavoor.
38 T. Athipakkam.	86 Memathur.
39 Deviagram.	87 Koonankurichi.
40 Oddananthal.	88 Vettagudi.
41 Graman.	89 Sathapadi.
42 Cholavundipuram.	90 Sevoor.
43 Sirumadurai.	91 Sakaramangalam.
44 Melamangalam	92 Neman.
45 T. Puthupalayam.	93 Nadi.
46 Melthanialampatu.	94 Thenkunam.
47 Karappattu.	95 Pampoondi.
48 Thaduthatkondan.	96 Perumbakkam.

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(a) Wells sunk during 1956-57—cont.

97 Elamangalam.	102 Pulichapallam.
98 Kesavamaniickampalayam.	103 Qualapalayam.
99 Bomayapalayam.	104 Kovakrni.
100 Siruvai.	105 Nagalpakkam.
101 Vanur.	

(b) Wells sunk during 1957-58—

1 Ka. Alambalam (South).	36 Su. Pilrampatti.
2 Mallapuram.	37 Manalurpet.
3 Kurur.	38 Alamelumangapuram.
4 Ka. Alambalam (North).	39 Kandamangalam.
5 Panayanagal.	40 Ma. Puliyankudi.
6 Sithal.	41 Rajasudamani.
7 Kilpadi.	42 Themmoor Manalcheri.
8 Kachagadi.	43 Kelapoondi.
9 Chinnamambattu.	44 Mangalam.
10 Somanathapuram	45 Pe. Ponneri.
11 Kappai.	46 Pulivalam.
12 Kammandur.	47 Ma. Pudur.
13 Dalavalapattu.	48 Melpathi.
14 Thenputhur.	49 Kattiyanallur.
15 Kilvailamur.	50 Ko. Pavalangudi.
16 Vadaputhur.	51 Ammeri.
17 Nagalampattu.	52 Kavilanur.
18 Annavalli Naichenatham.	53 Ottiyamedu.
19 Nathapattu.	54 Vayyangudi.
20 Madalapattu.	55 A. Agaram.
21 Bandrakottai.	56 Perangiam.
22 Kavanipakkam.	57 Therkuvellur.
23 Brahamadesam.	58 Kavarai.
24 Nangathur.	59 Vilambavoor.
25 Salavanur.	60 Darmanallur.
26 Kallipattu.	61 T. Pavalangudi.
27 Kandampakkam.	62 Sathakudal Kilpathi.
28 Nannathampalayam	63 Kilpathi.
29 Arasamangalam.	64 Parikapattu.
30 Gengarampalayam.	65 Girandipuram.
31 Vinayagapuram.	66 Pévamandur.
32 Manakuppam.	67 Eloy.
33 Kottamarudur.	68 Othiyampattu.
34 Sitheripattu.	69 Venmaniathur.
35 T. Kolathur.	70 Ivelli.

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APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 15 asked by Sri M. Ethirajalu at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 9th February 1959, page 111 supra].

[SUBJECT.—*Fish curing yards—Loans and subsidies given to fishermen's co-operative societies.*]

The following are the twelve fishermen's co-operative societies and federations which have been granted loans and subsidies for construction of godowns and curing sheds during 1957–58 :—

Name of the division.	Name of the society or federation.	Amount sanctioned for construction of godowns.	
		Loan.	Subsidy.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		RS.	RS.
Malabar and Chingleput, Chingleput district.	(1) Kattukuppam Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	2,000
	(2) Ennore Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	2,000
	(3) Neelangarai Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	2,000
	(4) Kanathur Reddikuppam Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	2,000
	(5) Vallambedu Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	2,000
Vellore Division, South Arcot district.	(6) Uppalayadai Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	2,000
Tanjore Division, Tanjore district	(7) Mallipatnam Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	2,000
	(8) Akkarapattai Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	2,000
Tanjore district	(9) Seruthur Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	2,000
Madurai Division, Ramanathapuram district.	(10) Ramnad District Fishermen Co-operative Federation.	2,000	2,000
Kanyakumari Division, Kanyakumari district.	(11) Ezhudesam Fishermen Co-operative Federation.	1,850	1,850
	(12) Chembakaraman Puthanthurai Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	2,000

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The following five societies have been granted loan and subsidy for construction of godowns and curing sheds during 1958-59 :—

Name of the division.	Name of the society or federation.	Amount sanctioned for construction of godowns.	
		Loan. (3) RS.	Subsidy. (4) RS.
Madras and Chingleput, Chingleput district ..	(1) Kasikoilkuppam Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	..
	(2) Tiruvottiyur Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	2,000
	(3) Sathankuppam Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	2,000
Vellore Division, South Arcot district ..	(4) Killai Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	2,000
Tanjore Division, Tanjore district ..	(5) Chandrapathy Fishermen Co-operative Society.	2,000	2,000

APPENDIX IV.

[Vide item II on page 111 supra.]

REPORT OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE MADRAS OPEN PLACES (PREVENTION OF DIS- FIGUREMENT) BILL, 1958 (L.C. BILL No. 8 OF 1958).

To

THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MADRAS.

The Joint Select Committee appointed to consider the Madras Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Bill, 1958 (L.C. Bill No. 8 of 1958), has the honour to make the following report.

2. The Bill was published in English in Part IV-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 30th October 1958, and in Tamil in Part IV-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 19th November 1958.

3. The Joint Select Committee was appointed by a resolution of the Council, dated the 1st November 1958, and of the Assembly, dated the 5th November 1958.

4. The Joint Select Committee met in the Members' Lounge Room, Fort St. George, Madras, on the 27th November 1958.

5. The Committee elected the Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister for Home, as its Chairman.

6. The Committee subjected the clauses of the Bill to a detailed scrutiny and made the following changes :—

Long Title and the Preamble

As the Bill, under clauses 3 and 4, seeks to prevent disfigurement by objectionable advertisements and unauthorized disfigurement by advertisements, the Committee decided to insert the words 'objectionable or unauthorized' after the words 'disfigurement by' in the Long Title and Preamble also.

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Clause 2.

It was considered that the word 'effigy' occurring in sub-clause (c) would more appropriately come under sub-clause (a) and the Committee accordingly decided to delete the word 'effigy' occurring in sub-clause (c) and insert the words 'effigy or any after the word 'includes any' in sub-clause (a).

As it was considered that item (ii) of sub-clause (b) covered item (i), it was decided to delete item (i).

The Committee also decided that the Explanation be suitably amended so as to provide for criticism of any social or religious practices without malicious intention to promote social or religious reform or social justice also. Accordingly, the Explanation has been recast as follows :—

" *Explanation.*—An advertisement shall not be deemed to be objectionable merely because words or signs or visible representations are used—

(a) expressing disapprobation or criticism of any law or of policy or administrative action of Government with a view to obtain its alteration or redress by lawful means;

(b) criticising any social or religious practices without malicious intention and with an honest view to promote social or religious reform or social justice."

In order to include the exhibition of objectionable posters on vehicles or other contrivance, the Committee decided to insert the words "or contrivance" after the words 'or other thing' in sub-clause (c).

Clause 9 of the Bill as introduced.

The Committee considered that it was not necessary to restrict the trial of the offences under the Act by a presidency magistrate or a magistrate of the first-class only and that the offences may be tried even by second-class magistrate. The Committee therefore decided to delete the clause.

Clause 10 of the Bill as introduced.

Clause 10 of the Bill as introduced provided that any local authority might set up hoardings, erections or other things in suitable places for the exhibition of advertisements and might charge and levy such fees as might be prescribed for the use of any such hoarding, erection or other thing. The Committee was of opinion that this provision could more appropriately be incorporated in the District Municipalities Act and accordingly decided to delete the clause.

Clause 13 of the Bill as introduced (renumbered as clause 11).

The Committee recast sub-clause (2) so as to give power to the Legislative Council also in addition to the Legislative Assembly, as was originally contemplated in the Bill, to modify all rules made under this Act by way of amendment or repeal.

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A copy of the Bill, as amended and approved by the Committee, is annexed.

The dissenting minutes given by Members are appended.

The Committee decided that the Bill need not be republished.

FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS-F, M. BHAKTAVATSALAM,
8th December 1958. *Chairman.*

ANNEXURE.

Note.—The changes made are sidelined or underlined and the portions omitted are indicated by dots.

THE MADRAS OPEN PLACES (PREVENTION OF DISFIGUREMENT) BILL, 1958 (L.C. BILL No. 8 OF 1958).

A Bill to prevent disfigurement by objectionable or unauthorized advertisements of places open to public view in the State of Madras.

WHEREAS it is expedient to prevent disfigurement by objectionable or unauthorized advertisements of places open to public view in the State of Madras.

BE it enacted in the Tenth Year of the Republic of India as follows.—

1. Short title and extent.—(1) This Act may be called the Madras Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act, 1959.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Madras.

2 Definitions.—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

(a) “advertisement” includes any effigy or any bill, notice, document, paper or other thing containing any words, signs, or visible representations;

(b) “objectionable advertisement” means any advertisement which is likely to—

(i) incite any person to commit murder, sabotage or any offence involving violence; or

(ii) seduce any member of any of the armed forces of the Union one of the police forces from his allegiance or his duty, (?) prejudice the recruiting of persons to serve in any such force or prejudice the discipline of any such force; or

(iii) incite any section of the citizens of India to acts of violence against any other section of the citizens of India; or which—

(iv) is deliberately intended to outrage the religious feelings of any class of the citizens of India by insulting or blaspheming or profaning the religion or the religious beliefs of that class; or

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(v) is grossly indecent, or is scurrilous or obscene or intended for blackmail;

Explanation.—An advertisement shall not be deemed to be objectionable merely because words or signs or visible representations are used—

(a) expressing disapprobation or criticism of any law or of any policy or administrative action of the Government with a view to obtain its alteration or redress by lawful means;

(b) criticising any social or religious practices without malicious intention and with an honest view to promote social or religious reform or social justice;

(c) “place open to public view” includes any private place or building, monument, statue, . . . post, wall, fence, tree or other thing or contrivance visible to a person being in, or passing along, any public place;

(d) “public place” means any place (including a road, street or way, whether a thoroughfare or not and a landing place) to which the public are granted access or have a right to resort, or over which they have a right to pass.

3. Penalty for disfigurement by objectionable advertisements.—Whoever affixes to, or inscribes or exhibits on, any place open to public view any objectionable advertisement shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both.

4. Penalty for unauthorized disfigurement by advertisements.—Whoever affixes to, or inscribes or exhibits on, any place open to public view any advertisement without the written consent of the owner or occupier or person in management of the property in which such place is situated shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three months or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or with both.

5. Punishment of abettors.—Whoever in any manner whatsoever, causes, procures, counsels, aids, abets or is accessory to, the commission of any offence under section 3 or section 4 shall be punished with the punishment provided for the offence.

6. Burden of proof in certain cases.—Where a person is prosecuted for committing an offence under section 4, the burden of proving that he has the written consent referred to in that section shall be on him.

7. Offences by companies.—(1) Where an offence has been committed by a company, every person who, at the time when the offence was committed, was in charge of, and was responsible

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to, the company for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence, and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly :

Provided that nothing contained in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment provided in this Act, if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any gross negligence on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, shall also be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this section—

(a) ' company ' means any body corporated and includes a firm or other association of individuals, and

(b) ' director ', in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.

8. Offences under the Act to be cognizable.—Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Central Act V of 1898), any offence punishable under this Act shall be deemed to be a cognizable offence within the meaning of that Code.

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9. Indemnity.—No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Government, any local authority or person for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act.

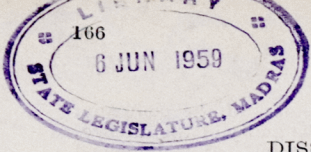
10. Other laws not affected.—The provisions of this Act are in addition to, and not in derogation of, the provisions of any other law for the time being in force.

11. Power to make rules.—(1) The State Government may make rules for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

(2) All rules made under this Act shall, as soon as possible after they are made, be placed on the table of both the Houses of the Legislature and shall be subject to such modifications.....by way of amendments or repeal as the Legislature may make..... either in the same session or in.....the next session.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
MADRAS-9,
8th December 1958.

T. HANJMANTHAPPA,
Secretary.



[9th February 1959]

APPENDIX.

DISSENTING MINUTES.

I

In my opinion there is no need for this Bill in its present form. The existing laws are adequate to safeguard the rights of private owners. Even in the case of public places and buildings, the evil sought to be put down could be done by effective resort to existing laws.

Regarding blasphemy and profaning of religious sentiment, the object could be achieved by only rousing public opinion against such indecent advertisements. In fact, such indecent advertisements are the result of the existence of indecent trends in the public life, which should be tackled in a democratic way.

I am afraid the Bill if passed would curtail the opportunity of political parties, trade unions, peasant organizations, etc., to carry on their propaganda at a cheap cost.

The Government must take steps to evolve a Code of Conduct to be observed by all political parties on such matters, by mutual discussions and voluntary understanding. Voluntary understanding among the political parties alone would yield any result in this direction.

N. K. PALANISAMY,
Member, Legislative Assembly.

II

I wish to record my dissent to the report of the Joint Select Committee held on 27th November 1958 on the Madras Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Bill, 1958 (L.C. Bill No. 8 of 1958).

This Bill is not necessary as the existing sections 292 and 425 of Indian Penal Code, are quite adequate for achieving the objects underlying the proposed Bill. The Government wants through the proposed Bill to curb the propaganda of other political parties especially those who plead for the abolition of caste system, communal differences, freedom from North Indian domination, getting rid of superstitions and other reforms. While the Bill seeks to give protection to the religious-minded persons, it does not do so in the case of persons with rationalistic views.

I am afraid this Bill if made into law will greatly affect the cinema and commercial advertisement and even publicity for ordinary political meetings. This Bill will do more harm than good. Hence I recommend that this Bill may be dropped.

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A. GOVINDASWAMI,
Member, Legislative Assembly.